

REMARKS

I. Drawing Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). The Examiner contends that the drawings fail to show a second end of a clasp (28). Applicant has amended Figures 1 and 2 as shown in red on the attached sheet of drawings to include the second end of the clasp (28). Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) has been effectively traversed.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has further objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner contends that a "flap member" is not shown in the drawings. Applicant has amended the claims to remove the term "flap member". Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) has been effectively traversed.

II. Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the Specification under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The Examiner contends that it is unclear what is the first and second part of the clasp. Applicant has amended Figures 1 and 2 as discussed above. The Specification has also been amended to clarify the first and second ends of the clasp.

III. Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to Claims 1 and 10. The Examiner claims there is no clear antecedent basis for "the flap member". Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 10 to remove "the flap member". Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's objection to Claims 1 and 10 has been effectively traversed. Such action is earnestly solicited.

IV. 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Examiner claims there is no clear antecedent basis for "the flap member". Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 10 to remove "the flap member". Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1 and 10 has been effectively traversed. Such action is earnestly solicited.

V. 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Castaldo, U.S. Patent 3,239,658.

Applicant has amended the specification and claims to state that the housing is located in an interior compartment of the main storage area. The interior compartment has an opening for accessing the housing. A zipper is used to open and close the

interior compartment. No new matter was introduced that was not originally disclosed and shown in the Figures.

In contrast, Castaldo discloses that a container is positioned between an inside surface of the material of the body 11 and the outside of the lining 18.... An opening is made in the lining for the light bulb 20 (See Column 2, lines 24-31). Nowhere in Castaldo is it disclosed or anticipated that a compartment is formed to hold the housing and that a zipper is used to access the compartment. In fact, Castaldo doesn't disclose any way to access the container in the purse.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claims 1 and 7 overcomes the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1, 2, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Such action is earnestly solicited.

VI. 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 3, 4, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Castaldo, U.S. Patent 3,239,658 in view of Branaugh, U.S. Patent 6,582,093. Claims 5, 6, 9, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Castaldo, U.S. Patent 3,239,658. Claims 1-4 and 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Branaugh, U.S. Patent 6,582,093 in view of Castaldo, U.S. Patent 3,239,658.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. As stated above, Applicant has amended the specification and claims to state that the housing is located in an interior compartment of the main storage area.

The interior compartment has an opening for accessing the housing.

A zipper is used to open and close the interior compartment.

In contrast, none of the cited references disclose the use of a compartment formed to hold the housing and a zipper to access the compartment.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claims 1 and 7 overcomes the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Such action is earnestly solicited.

VII. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submit that Applicant's claimed invention is deserving of patent protection because it describes a useful and functioning apparatus which is patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment Letter, including the amendments to the Claims, and in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, are fully responsive to all aspects of the objections and rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that he has persuasively demonstrated that the above-identified Patent Application, including Claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

If the foregoing does not place the case in condition for immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned for purposes of a telephone interview.

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